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nomic and financial havor with us in the matter of our military power. Billions of dollars, which to a helterskelter of war emergency efforts we are expending, tens of billions which present Administration, moreover, for probability should have been called tion against the splendid railway sysupon to spend if, in due sesson and made ourselves fit to fight. Worse yet, we are spending lives inex. This was all before the day of those pressibly dearer to us than money, we may spend them by the hundreds of thousands, because in the days slike of that unhappy era, however, when we should have made ready to defend ourselves as mere insurance the peck bot in the hunt of the railagainst the possible dangers and orwe did nothing. The same cause-lack of foresight.

positive refusal to provide for the future—a very obsession of tearing down-worked economic and finan way system. And so, similarly, the nation is now spending hundreds of millions of dollars which it pever would have needed to spend, the pub-He must bear hundreds of millions of United States Government, one Adanother, had not pursued, year in and year out, a perverse policy which wrecked the finest and strongest railroads which the world had ever known, perhaps ever will know.

If that water has gone over the dam, if no criticism can undo the harm which has been done, if merely now solve no problem of the moment nevertheless the plain facts should spread upon the minutes to be served as the permanent record.

For the better part of a generation to rifle the pockets of the railroads. but to cut their throats. Now they are safe against attacks from within as well as from without the law.

For the better part of a generation labor organizations could raid the carriers for a 10 per cent., a 20 per cent., a 30 per cent. increase of wages and cart off the booty. But the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Government behind it, and the nation behind both, would not listen to a 1 per cent, increase in traffic rates to compensate in part for those wage increases and to keep the roads out of bankruptcy. Now, just as before hundreds of millions of increased wages go to the employees from time to time, but a 15 per cent. Increase in traffic rates is not too much, nor is'a cover those greatly increased wages raliroad business.

the law forbade railways, under heavy penalties, to make agreements which would permit them to practise economies of operation, to apportion freight and route it so that it could be hauled advantage of the carriers. Competition was a court decree. Pooling was a thing for which a man must go to jail. Now pooling is the basic princi- gold shipment was \$14,939,440. Copthe railroads. Now discrimination is a virtue as bright as rebating once was a crime black. Now the Govern ment does not merely say traffic may public results; it says it must be.

ment does not merely say rail bus! handle their catches. ness, receipts and profits may be public must pay.

For the better part of a generation made laws and through the Interstate waste. Commerce Commission executed them, so as to cripple, starve and scrap the ratiroads. Now a ratiroad man, under Territory's industry and commerce. to bring our manufactures and agsmash up the Interstate Commerce dealt with fails to tell what may be of law, as for many years the Interstate Commerce Commission could smash

For the better part of a generation the Interstate Commerce Commission was an omnipotent and ruthless destroyer of the railroads, good and bad. Now the Interstate Commerce Commission is only a gloomy shadow of a gloomler past.

Nobody is going to blame the Direcgoing to blame him for pouring into the railroads hundreds of millions of there world have been no rescuing the Lack of national preparedness, lack wrecked milroads, war emergency or Bronx, the leave of absence without no war emergency. They had to be pay which Dr. Currin wished to obdone promptly and effectively or the tain so that he might, with a more few first class railroads left in the field would have had to be tunked

There is no fault to find with the scan genius and courage and torn down by national folly and mischief. who constitute the present Government. Democrats and Republicans we can blame, for they were all of mind ourselves that it will be as fatal policy of stripping and starving the railroads as it proved to be before the war. Let us not forget.

A Civilized Nation and Another. The despatch reproduced below records another assault by German airmen on institutions that are held sacred by the fighting men of every civilized nation on earth:

"WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN PRANCE May 30.-German airmen deliberately dropped bombs on hospitals housing scores of American and hundreds of French wounded a few miles behind the battle front on Tuesday night.

"A number of patients were injured and a French murse was killed: There were several deaths among the civilians in the town."

It is appropriate and fitting to re with this another message from across the Atlantic. It is as follows:

"London, May 29 .- The British Government has consented, on religious and humane grounds, that so far as it is concerned there shall be no air raids or cities not in the vicinity of the battle front during the daytime to-morrow, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

"This decision followed the receipt through the Vatican of the request, recently made by the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal von HARTMANN, that in view of the serious damage done lately by British air raids in that city there should be no bombing there during the Corpus Christi procession."

It is unnecessary to comment or these despatches. They carry their own lesson. It is not out of order. however, to remark that the Government which in the prosecution of its military plans deliberately attacks the shelters occupied by wounded men, by doctors, by nurses, will unquestionably look upon the agreement of the British not to molest a religious procession as evidence of contemptible weakness and sentimentality.

Not Gold but Fish Is Now Alaska's

Greatest Asset. Alas, for our Alaska! The days of old, the days of gold, the days of JACK LONDON are no more. All the gold there is in the Territory glitters, no doubt, but the really golden stream stances a 40 per cent. increase, to of Alaska's wealth comes pouring into the States drably packed in barrels, boxes, in cans and in sacks, without a single glitter. Indeed, the fish products of Alaska alone exceed in value For the better part of a generation by the handsome sum of \$13,220,237 the value not of her gold only but all her mineral wealth. More humiliating yet to the pride of the noble metals neither gold nor silver shipped during 1917 had the value of a single

fish product out of many. To be exact with these figures, all of which relate to Alaska's shipments to ports of the United States only during last year, her canned saimon was valued at \$41,478,514 and her ple of the Government's operation of per with its value of \$27,243,510 led portant consideration of the bill. The not only gold but all other minerals combined, tin, tungsten, antimony, lead, silver, gypeum and marble.

So the great wealth of Alaska is no onger panned out of gravel found in be routed to make the best hauls for the water beds of her wild guiches, the roads, whatever treatment of the milled out of ore blasted from her countains; it is produced by men along her shores who would look quite case in the South, as there were no Now the Government does not merely at home in a picture of many points grasses in the Appalachian to presay competition is unnecessary; it along New England's coast, fisher-

the Government does not say the pub- 573.243. She sends us fish fresh, lic must be served cheaply; it says the dried, pickled, canned, she sends us tion of the forests. herring, clams, shrimps, she sends fish the Government through Congress cago's packing industry—there is no

The tables of Alaska's shipments wonder tale of a quick reversal in the streams and the wealth of our soil Government sanction and inspiration, But what is told by the two classes ricultural lands to their highest may take a monkey wrench and of chipments which have been here productiveness. Northern Europe, greater significance to the economist; an urgent need of lumber and wood that which is told under one humble item in the classification, "Other producta." No tale told here of wild and frozen gulch, of storm swer coast, but to the prophetic eye much may be seen, perhaps, in the simple line, "Turnips, pounds, 249,767."

A City Employee Who Wanted to Go to War.

We are not aware that Mayor HYLAN has given up the writing of letters for the duration of the war, tor-General of Railroads either for or for any other period of time, defiraising wages or for raising traffic nite or indefinite. If he has uttered rates to pay those wages. Nobody is any such resolution and it has escaped us, he should rescind it to the extent of writing a letter which will explain his attitude toward city emmoney or for raising traffic rates to ployees who wish to enter the milimeet those bills. These things had tary service; and explain more parto be done promptly and effectively or ticularly the reasons why he declined to grant to THOMAS H. CURTIN, an assistant medical examiner in the comfortable mind, remain in the Medical Corps of the army.

THE SUN does not know Dr. Cus

TIN from ADAM; or more correctly, it knows much more about Apan than with the very good reasons why ADAM was Ariven from the Garden. and only wishing to hear, from the Mayor himself, the possibly good reaonly knows, from the correspondence that has been published, that Dr. CURTIN, a physician of repute, had served the city for eighteen years; that he trained at Plattsburg and received a commission as Captain in the field of Cantigny. the Medical Reserve Corps; that he applied a few weeks ago for permision to be absent without pay from the city's service for the duration of the war; that the Mayor abruptly disapproved the application, and that Dr. Currin, having to make a choice between his city job and his patriotic desires, swung to the latter.

The fact that Dr. Currin has resigned a job that paid him \$800 a year more than he will get in the army has little to do with the case. Neither do we fear that a physician who is connected with at least one college and four hospitals will starve when he comes out of the army. We are not thinking of Dr. Curtin so much as we are of the Mayor's attltude. The country has been informed on such unimpeachable authority as attaches to the word of General Pershing and Surgeon-General Gorgas are we going to get the wool necessary thousands of them. Is the Mayor's great importance of woollen clothing for New York who are inclined to enter the medical or any other branch of the service? What will be the effect of the Mayor's ruling on other men, possibly not so well assured of the future as Dr. Currin is, who have it in their minds to leave the city's comparatively trivial work long enough to help win the war?

We submit that a letter on this im portant subject would be of great intere t.

The National Forests of the East.

establishing three new national forests was one of the final steps in carrving out the provisions of the measure for forest conservation passed by the Senate after a heated discussion by barking and carrying disease germs. in February, 1911. The bill provided and so long as people keep dogs they for the building up of a forest reserve in the East; and as the new forests designated in the President's and annoyance to the public. Anything in the Shenandonh and Natural busy they can soon end the dog menace and imposition. The fact that dogs con-Bridge regions of Virginia and West achian and White Mountains, the enough for getting rid of them. two sections which the conservation projects were principally intended to

It is estimated that since the be ginning of the purchase policy there has been selected for national forests in the East about 1,000,000 acres. Within this territory are the forests of the Appalachian region, the only great hardwood forests left in the that could be made out of the few sheep timber tracts is the 7,000 or more ncres in the Mount Mitchell region of North Carolina. Other valuable accessions are in the Blue Ridge, where the lower slopes are covered haps as much or nearly as much as with giant oaks, hickories, hemlock, beeches and other varieties of broad! leaved trees. These constitute an entirely different forest from the evergreen forests of the national domain in the West and Northwest.

The protection of the forests for the resources in lumber and wood they furnished was not the only imsection set apart for preservation includes also the region upon which Sun of recent date entitled "The Mysthe water supply of the East is in a tery of Germany's War Power" and the very large measure dependent. Stripping the hills of trees decreased the water power for mills and factories. Will the extraordinary conditions pre-Another great loss was from drought and flood. This was especially the vent erosion and no natural reser-

save it cannot be. Now the Govern- men, and the canners and packers who voirs, such as the New England lakes formed, to store the flood waters. It The total value of the Territory's is estimated by geologists that 8,000 ness, receipts and profits may be shipments of fish for the year was square miles of soil had been washed pooled; it says they must be. Now \$45,793,482; of mineral product, \$42,mountains on account of the destruc-

> The conservation of the recourse fertilizer, fish oil. Her new and amaz- of this region will have, too, a very ing industry is organized as is Chi- important part in fulfilling the after war plans of this nation, a part which the original projectors and makers of the bill had not conceived. back home to her older slaters tell a We shall need all the power of our stripped of its own forests, will have products to rebuild its towns and rillages, and it must turn largely to this country for its supply.

Of the Vancements who have held the presidency of the New York Cen-tral Railroad Connectus took office when he was 75, William H. when he was 56, and now William K., Jr., is president is CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, who useful life, from 1885 to 1898, and wh still reigns as chairman of the board

Gop has granted us a splendid victor; and will help further,—The Kateer. Faith, Hope and Schrecklichkeit, these three; but the greatest of these s Schrecklichkeit

When a delighted constituent re ceives from his Representative or Sen theck off those he yearns for, his transports of joy are sometimes modi fied upon learning that he must pay full rate first class postage to send his request. The Committee on Public Their Conflict Over the Interpreta the Creel Bureau, imposes no such burden on the citizen. It sends out a list of its publications printed on franked card which may be mailed it does about Currin, being familiar free even of a war tax. This will entice thousands of requests, million were postage payment required. But who should complain? Cannot thousands of additional eacks of franked sons why Dr. Currin has been forced mail be cared for handly now that to resign less ideal surroundings. It flying machines are daily carrying several pounds of mail?

Lieutenant Inving Woop of Oakland

An eloquent tribute to the gentle quality of Wisconsin football.

Blessings sometimes are disguised from Brooklyn to Jamaica may prompt held a meeting and sent a telegram to man, were like manna to the lost ones protests to Mr. McApoo, but on the President Gould Schurman of Cornell in the desert. In those works the other hand, by discouraging traffic, it may insure the possession of at least 30 cents at the end of a day to some with disloyalty, and declaring: "Dr. Jorsmall patron of the Jamaica racetrack

WOOLLESS CIVILIANS. Again the Project of Bidding the Country of Dogs.

To THE EDITOR OF THE GUN-Sir: 2 will be the result of the United States cording to wool dealers.

President Wilson intimated in his speech in this city a few days since that we would put many more than 5,000,000 that the army needs medical men- to clothe them, to say nothing of the the civilian population?

> cies have been urging the importance of increasing the wool supply. The United States Department of Agri-Sulture in Farmers Bulletin 652 says

States, including all States east of the Mississippi River, if it were not for tofore employed to protect sheep from dogs have failed it is manifest that method or suffer, perhaps very severely. for want of wool and meat.

I think, as many others think, that President Wilson's proclamation except possibly those, if any, that are of proved benefit to the general public. So long as people keep dogs they can't or won't prevent them from killing

liogs also cause vast injury to health can't or won't prevent them from causing injury to health. dogs are likely to cause injury to health proclamation are in the region of that does that is a public nuisance which Oxford county, Maine, and Coos and it is the duty of the police and health Carroll countles, New Hampshire, and officials to suppress. If they will get sume a vast amount of food that is Virginia, they represent the Appa- needed by human beings is itself reason

It is said that sheep can be protected by sheep dogs, but in addition to objection to this that has already been made, namely. that it would probably be difficult if not impossible to get in a reasonable time dogs enough to supply the millions of farmers who would keep sheep if they were protected tion that it would probably take to feed the dogs a large part if not all the profit United States. One of the best of the that most farmers would keep. A man who sells dogs and who is not likely to overestimate the cost of keeping them told me that it costs at least \$2 a week to keep a collie. Thus it would cost any country. over \$100 a year to keep one dog, perfarmer could make on a few sheep, pos sibly even more, while it might take He Finds No New Message in "The two or more dogs properly to protect a small flock of sheep, if this can be done by dogs at all. OPTIMIST.

NEW YORK, May 31. Premature Appearance of the Third Term Question.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Bir! The most suggestive treatment of the war situation yet published is that of THE pessimistic comments thereon by Mr. Curtis. is true, the question is none too timely nomination of our present Chief Executive, thus setting aside the traditional third term bugaboo?

ISAAC MARKENS.

THE FARRICATED SHIP. Ships are at least 6,000 years old

for Egyptian records of that era depict vessels capable of transporting fifty or more persons on the waters of the Nile. The Chaldeans, Hindus and Chinese built ships in the very earliest ages. The Phoraicians 3,000 years ago

stays and a ram. But from the day when man in vented the sail until 1800 there was world; whereas the only trustworth; less progress made than there has been way is always to consult spiritual pre-Phonicians to Columbus there was high at poop and stern and approxi-mately four times their beam in length. From Columbus to Fulton there was more development, but after clipper ship and the Chinese junk was refinement of design.

battleship, the submarine, the internal cohesion, then matter would not be combustion marine engine; and is it this for short. Of course in a letter too much to say the Agawam brood is an align worthy to be ranked with these other limited. evolutions? For 6,000 years man built ships, each by an individual pattern. It is impossible. The same can be said Now he proceeds sensibly to turn them of Mr. Ruliman. Just for short: when there at the age of 40. The man who out wholesale, at great speed, with served longest as the great road's parts interchangeable for repairs, and atmosphere, dust, chemicals, &c. (as he the formerly heavy expense of design gave to the desk thirteen years of his reduced by a percentage which stead-useful life, from 1885 to 1898, and who lly decreases by arithmetical progress-and gray—at morn and evening they expense until it approaches sero.

with the other evolutions, it will be welkin is nothing material-it ing ship and "power boat," has contributed more to the art and science of shipbuilding in the brief 142 years cultural Bulletins with a request to of her independence than all the world besides since the dawn of history.

CORNELL AND STANFORD.

tion of David Starr Jordan.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: At passed resolutions unanimously charg-ing David Starr Jordan with disloyalty to America and requesting Cornell to swer. Give a better theory. revoke the degrees conferred upon him.

On May 20 the entire student body all scientific books were so materialistic at Stanford University, numbering near- cally written. Already then I wrote ly 2,000 men and women, 3,500 miles essays on the scientists. At 18 I away, held a special meeting and passed mastered all their knowledge. At 19 1 resolutions denouncing the action of the made new experiments to refute some ornell class of 1872 and concluding its of their theories on matter; with suc Cal., with a slight thigh wound, who once played with the University of Wisconsin football team, likened it to a football rush, only less rough.—From and express to him our entire confidence one sided explanations to their new public declaration with the expression cass. I was too modest then to publish in his loyalty and patriotic devotion." On May 22 the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, a non-partisan, multi- 28 I found myself at Paris. There sectarian, intellectual organisation of found the true books at the Sorbonne as hardships. A charge of 30 cents and constructive thinkers in California, ing of the arcana in nature and in nell class of 1878 in charging Dr. Jordan of the war, and his address 'Why the my mind. After a few months of nonwealth Club, February 9, 1918, was mysticism—and from then on I wrought system we have heard. Dr. Jordan has

safeguard for peace is to break the

Date will follow by mail " David Starr Jordan was a mem Cornell's pioneer class. He was grad- different angles and perspectives. Change the degree of doctor of laws from Johns indefinitely. Hopkins and from Illinois College, and written in a strict scientific way, tedious from 150 to 500 per cent, in thirty-six perhaps other degrees conferred in re- to self-immolation, uninteresting to disent years. He taught in ten higher traction-will never spoil educational institutions of America. He gaze where a sparkling damsel, un was president of Indiana University for labelled by the dryasdusts, suddenly sheep killing dogs. As all methods hereyears president of Stanford University, haunted, thrush thrilled woodland alleyand is now its honored and beloved way! Will they? chancellor emeritus at the age of sixty- One of the world's greatest philos eight. A few years ago he was president ophers, J. J. Rousseau, said in his prize of the American Education Association, treatise that most of the sciences were the thing to do is to get rid of all dogs. He is the author of many books cover-He is the world's authority on fishes. ing a wide range of aubjects, from advanced science to charming fiction. He mais, stones, &c., with Latin names are is a lecturer of world renown and like childred who have nothing else to familiar in many countries. For the kill time with I was a thorough seeker last ten years he has battled with voice after everything in nature and man, but Physically a giant, four inches taller to be foolish to use Latin for my names than six feet, Dr. Jordan is even more |- I used English underlied. After allan intellectual giant, a great and in- why complain; who reads their books?

spiring and constructive leader of men o decent achievement and good and unselfish citizenship. I wonder if all together those twentytwo members of the class of 1873 have of occultists in the original; be con attained achievements for the good of vinced that spirit is the ruling force of mankind one-tenth as great re those all; that what you know, everybody attained by Dr. Jordan. It would be as (corpus) can know; but what spirit logical now to assail Woodrow Wilson or Henry Ford for their pre-war peace (corpus) per se. Then your works attitude as to attempt to besmirch the might be interesting splendid reputation of David Starr Jor-

I offer this side of the matter on this side of the continent because I happen University's pioneer class, because als here are about 300 of us Stanford graduates in this zone of THE SUN's daily circulation, and because there are more than 12,000 men and women who have attended Stanford University in other years and who love, venerate and es-ARCHIE RICE. NEW BRUNSWICK, May 31.

s an old story of the professor who one of them. So-called spirit messages generally rouse no question of their authorship because of the utter unimpor tance of their contents.

class. It is a poor paraphrase of what Assuming that but half told thought, runs, "Prepare ye your souls | tea importers has been sent so that when you leave the ship of your not into condemnation." There are many ence to File No. 190338. such by quite workaday men, so that it seems our friends on "the other side" have neither novelty of thought nor New Your, May M.

Master of All Scientific Knowledge at 18, He Says Semething.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET: Th two letters you printed regarding the color of the sky were hilariously amusscientist, prove infallibly the trend of ience to seek for a materialistic cause and effect to everything in the natural mises which invariably result in irre-futable conclusions. Darwin, Spencer &c., blundered; but the great esoteric pundits put them all to shame. The latter knew every phase of the material world before they reached their further which after all is said, rules indisputably the realm of matter, which Since 1800 man has deviced the the Almighty are allowed to function, steamship, the iron hull, the armored For instance, take away the law of

Mr. Redway's theory is most comical

clouds appear, the constituents of the

take colors no artist can hope to imiinal design the less the architectural tate. But through any hole of the clouds the serene asure of the eternal If the fabricated ship takes rank heavens glories. Hence the blue of the creation of the Supreme. Does the the armored warship, the submarine scientist not know that our planet's and the fabricated ship, not to speak aura is what we commonly term the f American development of the sail- sky; that beyond this blue eternal garment of our globe space is black and ley cold? Each other planet was man's theory is so unscientific that it is absurd to dwell upon its freshman owledge of botany, meteorology and the office of the sun in the cosmos. If ture as being sophomorish in her marvel ways of creation. However, nature inscrutable, and merely smiles at the theorists who try to unravel he mni reunion at Cornell University myriad mysteries. How could the small on May 19 twenty-two members of the quantity of blue in vegetation be suff high and over 12 000 miles in circum-

ference-this is the materialistic an

It was a puzzle to me, at 17, why

future. knowledge. I myself wrote science in scientist's blindness was restored to sight. In a few pages of spiritual explanation the materialists were routed deavor a spirit of unbounded fertility immaterial powers and insight into na-Hence it would be well for the dryanof treating knowledge just from one cated class of business men, lawyers side. Turn it around-consider it from uated from Cornell in 1872 and was a your Latin nomenclature to everyday these pictures remind us irresistibly known to Russians in other trans year there as a student. Cornell has sit up and be interested. For after all lacy than to suppose that Russian Russian character is perplexing. The conferred upon him two degrees: in who cares if a beautiful flower is called conditions are correctly described in Germans, unfortunately for us, under 1872 the degree of master of science primula veris—a Sandow comes under the novels of Gorky or that the peo-and in 1886 the degree of doctor of laws genus homo—&c." Who cares if a man ple are essentially different from important ends of the present war doctor of medicine from Indiana Medi-cal College, the degree of doctor of christened it. A flower of nature's preciably to jar the future well be-for the military and aggressive policy philosophy from Butler University and workmanship it remains. And so on ing of Europe and America, and it of the Central Empires. Anyhow-all the volumes

> written just to give occupation to those who had no talents of importance. I said at 18, men who label flowers, ani-I had more important talents aside than Closing this hastily improvised apostrophe to the materialistic scientists. I in pity say to them; read the Book knows is not vouchsafed to a body

Louis M. Ensusantia. Supreme Spirit of the Spheres. oreme Scientist Long Past. NEW YORK, May 31.

TRADE BRIEFS.

Consul R. C. Busser in summarizing the

there is a scarcity of many staple goods including linens, linings, packings, wadyears and who love, venerate and esteem David Starr Jordan as one of the
greatest inspirations we have known for

sit to \$15 a pair. Difficulty is experienced the chance they and others have of around that ground that gr all that makes the lives of intelligent in getting tin plate for canning fish and doing a real service as members of the years. About twelve years ago 1 Wooden ships, with tonnages ranging may be obtained by meeting me at some of the earth's minimum dath from 150 to 500, are being built at the the room of Company F. Seventy-first seven shippards in Mallorca, Spain. There is an opportunity for the sale of marine motors of American make, as most of the Summons."

Yesselv are to be equipped with auxiliary Thursday evening.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: There power and American motors are well liked. New York, May Natalite, a substitute for gasolene, spoke eighty-four languages and hadn't being made by a cane by-products con-anything worth hearing to say in any cera in Merebank, Nata', South Africa. The new product is extracted from mo-lasses, which is piped to the plant's tanks. His face was brown, his hair was red; from plantations. Experiments made with "The Summons," published by you on tually replace gazolene almost universally Why, I am bound for Germany." May 29, falls into a somewhat different as a fuel.

Tea pries have advanced in Montevideo trict office of the Bureau of Foreign and so that when you leave the ship of your pilgrimage ye may have rest and fall city. Tols list can be obtained by reference that condemnation." There are many

Spanish should be sent to the American

But first I want a whack
consulate in Almeria, Spain, in order to
prepare for an after war trade. The marBut I want to get to Germany." ket is an attractive one.

LOUIS ON THE SEY'S BLUE. A RUSSIA NEITHER OF THE CZARS NOR OF THE BOLSHEVIKI.

Household Picture of Middle Class Russian Opinion About America ...

A belated issue of the Nice, or should not be allowed to continue Field, of Petrograd, contains an il- It is time to dispel the picture that lustrated article on the United States at war. It is well worth reading at chists. this time, for it shows a Russia which is a large class of people, for whom the Field is evidently written and folk, intent upon the quiet work and day, normal life. It is therefore a progress is the fact that in the beginning the country as a whole knew too little of Russia, had too little understanding of her ideals and hopes The result, in Lord Salisbury's famous phrase, was that we put our money on the wrong horse,

to ask. What is the new spirit in Will the country, in the ordinary phrase, come back? In order to answer such questions it is necessary to dislodge some rooted errors and assumptions about Russian conditions. Russia in fact is usually seen through the spectacles of Bolshevik refugees who in return for their entertainment in foreign lands spread political stories against their own nation, which is still largely agricultural, religious and mystic. The result is that almost everything written about Russia since the revolution is based upon the false hat the Russia of the Czars and the Russia of the Bolsheviks is the Russia of to-day and the Russia of tomorrow. A very different picture is given in the pages of the Field. Apparently the conditions in Russia proper are far more stable and domestic than is generally supposed. The text and the woodcuts, in their somewhat old fashioned style, recall American magazines twenty or thirty years ago. But the subject matter ter in Russian history with the hopes and ambitions entertained by cated Russians in regard to the

This future evidently depends to a great extent, in the writer's mind, on American intervention in the war. The facts upon which he bases a forecast of a successful outcome were the pro gramme of American naval and milipublic men of all parties who favored the vigorous carrying on of the war America has always had great influence on public opinion in Russia, ever in the days of Czarism. This idea raises the interesting question: What if this influence had been maintained? It seems probable that Russia would have continued the fight, and there might never have been a Soviet Govbut a genuine democracy, with regular constitutional forms. That there was a sound basis for such a government the articles in the Field show in themselves to enter upon anothe various ways. In the first place there campaign without ample security. The is a well to do middle class, an eduwhose houses and domestic life in spoke Russian and had been we of our own. There is no greater fal-

Russia is a land of knoutings and pogroms, of decadent clubs and ana

The Russian view of America was is not the land of a disorderly class more discerning. Kerensky and the of Bolshevika. On the contrary there Russians of the better class were frankly prepared to meet the United States more than half way and to overcome a certain amount of misun-derstanding. They were fully aware that large numbers of the American can citizens make the object of every- people had to be informed of what was pity that such papers are not better ize the strength of the new ideas and known in the United States. One influences in the country. As American and Russian ideals are not in at points identical, it was necessary to establish some means of exchanging views and to educate both nations ou This was particularly desirable in view with her temperament and motives. of the fact that when the revolution began there was a general dislike of Americans, Englishmen and Frenchmen. An effort should have been made at once to prepare against the revolutionary campaign of misrepresentation which was carried on in Russian committees and societies as well as in the

> not pursued. The papers which pub-States, on Ambassador Francis and the War Department, wrote in a subtle which was to be feared. It seems incredible that the undercurrent of hostility should have been unsuspected by those whose business it was to view Russia without illusions. The truth is that the Russians themselves disbelieved in the American professions and doubted the success of the Ameri can programme. They foresaw that there would be delays and disappointments, and were not in sympathy with the optimism that miscalculated the difficulties of making war in Faster Europe. Russia was exhausted and hungry, and it would have been wise to give her time before renewing the conflict with Germany

The section of the Russian press which interprets the feelings of Russian family life, of the people who are not the very poor nor the rich, but nations, was secretly unfriendly to the United States. The fact should have been recognized, as well as the appearance of distrust and healtated dislike. But our impulsive Government did neither, It was assume that Russia would believe that she had tary estimates, and great stress is everything to gain from our friendlaid upon the speeches of American ship and association, and that she would turn eagerly to the United States for help in the ways marked out for her politically and socially Russia entirely misunderstood these

political and social regeneration The present catastrophe might have been avoided if there had been a different set of political philosophers in Washington. The Democratic Admin istration was regarded by large classes of Russians as by no means a driving and drastic War Government were frankly sceptical, and Thev were too full of domestic problems power of American wealth and r sources was to send to them men w actions. To the average American the the result of imperfect | might be achieved if American infi-

THE NEW YORK GUARD. BE AWARE OF THE DOG STAR It Offers a Chance for Real Military

Service at Home. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The press would confer a favor upon thousands of men who are anxious to ren ne service to their Government but don't know how, by publishing inormation about the New York Guard. age, wondered how I could do something. I was told that the New York portant to the human race. Guard would take me in, but when I broached the subject to a friend, he said :

the war." went to the Seventy-first Regiment away distance. Armory, however, and learned that this aqueduct guard duty is purely vokuntary has already tilted over two of our game and that there are so many anxious to planets. Neptune and Uranus, do this work that all of them cannot Jupiter's feet are now slipping out be accommodated. I learned that 1 under him, as the south pole of Jupies wouldn't have to do this work unless ependents.

I was further informed that the New York Guard was formed to render service in the event that ins rection or riois took place in New York. I found advances eastward, Strius will delay that an average of one night a week south half of the earth as it goes b was the only regular demand on my January 1, and will prevent its leward time. I enlisted and have since learned movement toward the sun at perile an important part of the soldier game, or prevent the inclination of the earththe art of shooting. I also know the axis, thus doing away with winter an bayonet manual and in general how to summer for a long while afterward, take care of myself in case of riot duty, until the earth's perihelion advance My reason for writing this is that I many degrees eastward. have seen so many men wasting their the chance they and others have of around that giant sun once every New York Guard Further information lished that from about 1914 to the room of Company F. Seventy-first parature records would again test Thirty-fourth street, any Tuesday

A. F. MARTIN.

"And are you bound for France?" I said. To one in khaki dressed. He had a bulging chest natalite have been so successful that pre- He turned and stared. Then said, "When

"But first," I said, "rou'll have to go has often been said with force and Unique, some the beginning of the war, beauty. One such, embodying the same from 85 cents to \$2 a pound. A list of There for the warmth of friendship's glow here feel the warming Tradition and rumance." Tradition and rumance."

I want to get to Germany.

"England and France are great, I s pose Catalogues and trade journals printed in We'll stop a while and see some shows. Spanish should be sent to the American But first I want a whack At Kalser Bill and his Heinles. Geel

Say a Kind Word to Sirius and His Little Friend.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN FIR The brightest fixed star in the sky, Sirtus. the Dog Star, they call it, can be seen now in the western sky at sunset. And it has been neglected like a dog when I, like many others above military we come to realize that of all the stars of the universe Sirius is the most in

The sun with its bunch of planets ar (moons moves around it, and if 8" "Why, don't you go into that outfit could suddenly go out of existen a " temperature would lower and the w to do guard duty for the duration of system would collapse like a drop of water collapsing into a flake of Of course, being a man of family, I then it would fail to a perihelion toward couldn't entertain such a thought. I another star or giant sun in the fa

This apparently insignificant from S. now falls to turn in toward the sun it I wanted to and certainly not if I had perihelion, and is carried on a tance toward its secondary perihelion ahea or toward its perihelion with referen

to Sirius. By and by, as the earth's perile!

Dog like, Sirius has a companion, the Regiment Armory, Park avenue and usualty low marks. This is more or ticeable in the winter time and to by the companion of Sirius Asvances toward us-in moving a Strius, whose axial position is some like Saturn's—the little companion for the earth and solar system nutari little from Sirius, thus lowering the eral temperature of the solar syste a while, adding some new spots of sun and bringing back to the again some of the cold spells of well

like we had in the '70s Next winter take a good look at Dog Star, the brightest star rising southeastern sky, about Decen ter a while people will get total loose way of reckoning time by of misleading appearances. I'm mathematicians of those days v about with the exact time w.

it from the meridian of Sirius, w physically connected with the ear the way of the sun. D. A. N. GROVEA KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30.